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ATTN OF: Office of Environmental Policy and Assistance(EH-413):Powers:6-7301

SUBJECT: **Guidance Documents for Dioxin and Dioxin-like Compounds and Other Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic (PBT) Chemicals; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting**

TO:

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## PURPOSE

To notify the DOE TRI Focus Group of the availability and request for comments on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Guidance for Reporting Toxic Chemicals within the Dioxin and Dioxin-like Compounds Category* referred to in the Federal Register Notice (65 FR 37548) published on Thursday, June 15, 2000. Comments are due to EPA by Monday, July 17, 2000.

## BACKGROUND

The category of dioxin and dioxin-like compounds was added to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) Section 313 list of toxic chemicals as part of a final rule that lowered the reporting thresholds for certain persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) chemicals (64 FR 58666, October 29, 1999)<sup>1</sup>. EPA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance document for the dioxin and dioxin-like compounds category and is requesting comments on this draft document. This document explains the EPCRA section 313 reporting requirements and provides guidance on how to estimate annual releases and other waste management quantities of dioxin and dioxin-like compounds to the environment from certain industries and industrial activities. EPA is also requesting the participation of interested stakeholders on a workgroup to assist in the preparation of the final dioxin guidance document and guidance documents for other PBT chemicals that are subject to the new reporting requirements.

## ACTION

EPA is requesting comments on the draft dioxin guidance document. This document can be accessed via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/tri>. The Office of Environmental Policy and Guidance, EH-413, will accept written comments on this Notice **on or before Friday July 7, 2000**. Comments may be faxed or e-mailed to Jane Powers at 202-586-3915 or [jane.powers@eh.doe.gov](mailto:jane.powers@eh.doe.gov), respectively. Any DOE staff who would like to be a member of EPA's PBT guidance workgroup should submit their name, address, position, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address to EH-413.

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<sup>1</sup>Office of Environmental Policy and Assistance Memorandum dated 1-13-99, Subject: "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Persistent, Bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) Chemicals: Lowering of Reporting Thresholds for Certain PBT Chemicals; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting."

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**CONTACT**

If you have any questions regarding this Notice or EPA's workgroup, please contact Jane Powers at 202-586-7301.

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